Financial assistance to Fishery survey of India

779. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fund/financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the Fishery Survey of India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that FSI has approached various foreign bodies for financial help;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the financial assistance received by FSI from foreign bodies till date; and

(e) steps taken/proposed to be taken to see that FSI functions within the limit set out by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a)

Year	Budget Grant (Rs. in crores)
2005-06	35.50
2006-07	41.39
2007-08	37.53

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) (i) Lakshadweep Tuna Tagging Programme- US $ 24925.

(ii) Andaman & Nicobar Tuna Tagging Programme- US $ 71209.

(iii) Global Environment Fund (GEF)/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/International Maritime Organization (IMO) Globallast Project - Rs. 11.10 lakhs.

(e) The Fishery Survey of India (FSI) is a subordinate office of Government of India and is functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Agriculture. The FSI has to submit all proposals for undertaking specific research programmes funded by national or international agencies to the Ministry of Agriculture. Before undertaking any research activity jointly with any international body, Government of India enters into an agreement with the collaborating agency and the same is finalized in consultation with the concerned Government Departments.

Targets and achievements in agriculture

780. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth of agriculture continues to take back seat when compared with the growth of tertiary and secondary sectors of the economy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the growth target fixed for agriculture and achievements made during Tenth Five Year Plan period and the target fixed for Eleventh Five Year Plan period and the achievement made so far; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to boost the growth rate of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) According to the data compiled by Central Statistical Organization (CSO), growth rates of agriculture & allied, mining, manufacturing, electricity & construction and service sectors during the last two years are as given below:

(at constant 1999-2000 prices)

Industry/Sector	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Agriculture & allied	5.9	3.8	4.5
Mining, manufacturing, electricity & construction	10.1	11.0	8.5
Services	10.3	11.1	10.8

(c) The growth target for agriculture and allied sectors during Tenth Five Year Plan was 4.0 per cent against which the achievement was 2.5 percent. The targeted growth rate for agriculture and allied sectors during the Eleventh Plan period (2007-08 to 2011-12) is 4.0 per cent. Against the target of 4.0 per cent, the agriculture & allied sectors achieved a growth rate of 4.5 per cent in 2007-08 and 3.0 per cent in Q1 (April-June) of 2008-09 according to the revised estimates released by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO).

(d) Towards improving the growth in the agriculture sector, the Government has taken the following steps:

- Launched the National Food Security Mission with an outlay of Rs.4,882 crore for the Eleventh Plan period. It aims to produce additional 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by the end of the Eleventh Plan.
- Launched the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with an outlay of Rs.25,000 crore for the Eleventh Plan period which aims at achieving 4% annual growth in the agriculture sector during the Plan period, through incentivising the States to invest more in agriculture sector.

Decline in production of crops

†781. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a downfall in production of the crops of barley, bajra, maize, turpulse, oilseed including paddy etc.;

(b) if so, the effect thereof on the food-safety and whether it would escalate the inflation much more;

(c) if so, effective remedial measures being taken by Government; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) As per the First Advance Estimates released on 25th September, 2008, production of

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